

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018

Item Number: **004**

**Capital Contracting Office**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Freese and Nichols, Inc. (staff recommendation), or one of the other qualified responders to the Request for Qualifications Solicitation No. CLMP235, to provide engineering services related to the 2018 Reservoir Improvements Program in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000. [Note: This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 21.25% MBE and 16.00% WBE participation.]

<b>Lead Department</b>	Capital Contracting Office  <b><u>Managing Department(s)</u></b> Austin Water
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Capital Budget of Austin Water.
<b>Purchasing Language</b>	Staff recommendation is the most qualified firm out of four firms evaluated through the City’s qualification-based selection process.
<b>For More Information</b>	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager’s Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov.  NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall direct inquiries to Rolando Fernandez, 512-974-7749 or Aiden Cohen, 512-974-1929.
<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission</b>	January 10, 2018 - Reviewed by the Water Wastewater Commission with a vote of 5-0 with Commissioner Lee recusing because his firm is

<b>Action</b>	a sub-consultant on another project for the Engineer which may pose a conflict of interest and Commissioner Penn recusing due to his company submitting a Statement of Qualifications for this project. Commissioners Parton, Moriarty, Kellough, and Bell were absent.
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**Additional Backup Information:**

Austin Water maintains raw water, potable water, reclaimed water, and waste water storage structures and reservoirs. The City will evaluate one or more water storage structures or reservoirs each year for potential improvements to maximize the useful life of the city's infrastructure. Each evaluation will involve multiple projects to assess and rehabilitate protective coatings and structural integrity on the interior and exterior of various water storage facilities. Additionally, Austin Water will incorporate improvements to the safety, security, civil engineering, electrical, and instrumentation and control systems at the site.

In order to meet Austin Water's performance and reliability expectations, the selected firm may perform multiple project assignments simultaneously, which will include preliminary engineering, design, bidding, construction, and post-construction phase services.

This authorization provides for funding of the above listed services. This request allows for the development of an agreement with the qualified responder that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected responder, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified responder and authorize contract negotiations with that provider.

**TOP RANKED FIRM:**Freese and Nichols, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

**SECOND RANKED FIRM:**CP&Y, Inc. is located in Austin, TX

Information on this solicitation is available through the City's Austin Finance Online website.

Link: Solicitation Documents.

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